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A 65 KILOMETER-RADIUS SEARCH AROUND THE REVISED COORDINATES

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(40-42N 90-00E) OF THE 27 OCTOBER 1966 CHINESE "MISSILE WARHEAD" NUCLEAR TEST (CHIC 4) ON AVAILABLE POST-SHOT AND SELECTED PRE-SHOT PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS NO IDENTIFIABLE EVIDENCE OF PREPARATIONS FOR OR EFFECTS OF THE 27 OCTOBER EVENT. THE REVISED COORDINATES ARE APPROXIMATELY 93 NM WSW OF THE ORIGINAL COORDINATES (41N 92E) WITH THE NEW SEARCH AREA OVERLAPPING SLIGHTLY THE OLD SEARCH AREA. POST-EVENT KH-4 COVERAGE OF THE SEARCH AREA CONSISTS OF PARTIAL COVERAGE OF THE WESTERN HALF WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS THROUGHOUT

[REDACTED], APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE SEARCH AREA IS EFFECTIVELY COVERED ON THIS PHOTOGRAPHY. ADDITIONAL POST-EVENT COVERAGE INCLUDES THE INDEX CAMERA OF KH-7 MISSION [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH THE INTERPRETABILITY AND THE PRESENCE OF SCATTERED CLOUDS THROUGHOUT THE SEARCH AREA RENDER THIS PHOTOGRAPHY VIRTUALLY UNUSABLE.

PRE-EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY CONSISTS OF [REDACTED] KH-4 COVERAGE WHICH SKIRTS THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE SEARCH AREA AND [REDACTED] KH-4 COVERAGE OF FAIR-TO-GOOD INTERPRETABILITY WHICH IS THE BEST RECENT COVERAGE OF THE ENTIRE SEARCH AREA. NO EVIDENCE OF PREPARATIONS WERE OBSERVED ON A STEREO SCAN OF THESE RECENT PRE-EVENT MISSIONS.

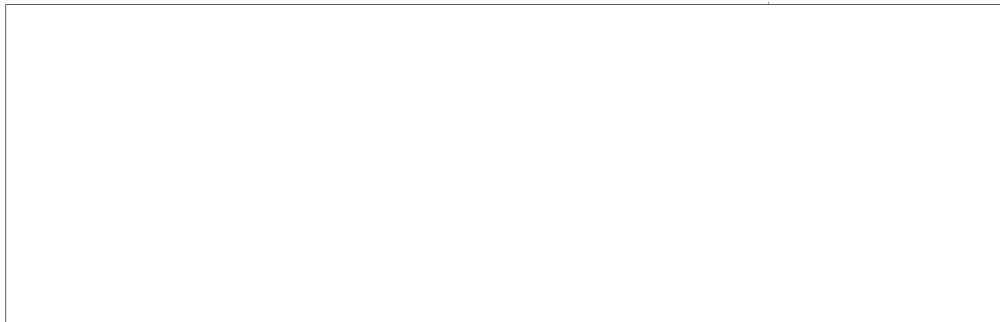
THE CENTER OF THE SEARCH AREA FALLS AT THE NW EDGE OF LOP NOR, APPROXIMATELY 11 NM SE OF GZ-3 OF THE NUCLEAR TEST SITE (40-48N 89-48E). THE SEARCH AREA INCLUDES THE ENTIRE OPERATIONS AREA OF THE NUCLEAR TEST SITE. NUMEROUS EXISTING TRAILS WHICH LEAD FROM THE EXTREMITIES OF THE OPERATIONS AREA IN NORTHERN, EASTERN, AND SOUTHERN DIRECTIONS SHOW NO EVIDENCE OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES

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ALONGSIDE OR AT THEIR ENDS.

TERRAIN IN THE SEARCH AREA INCLUDES THE ROUGH PARALLEL RIDGES (YARDANG); DRY, SALT-ENCRUSTED LAKE BED AREAS (SHOR); PART OF LOP NOR (LAKE) ITSELF; MOVING, CRESCENT-SHAPED SAND DUNES (BARKHAN DUNES) OF THE TAKLA MAKAN TO THE SOUTHWEST; LOW MOUNTAINS AND RIDGES (CHARCHAK TAGH) TO THE NORTHWEST; AND AREAS OF ALLUVIAL WASHOUT BORDERING THE MOUNTAINS (SAI). IN DIVERSE AND MOTTLED TERRAIN SUCH AS THIS THE IDENTIFICATION ON KH-4 PHOTOGRAPHY OF INSTRUMENTATION AND INDIVIDUAL SMALL STRUCTURES IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT OVER THE YARDANG AND SHOR PORTIONS OF THE SEARCH AREA.

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